



**New York University's
Prague Institute
for
Democracy, Economy, and Culture,
in cooperation with the Polish Institute in Prague and Forum 2000**

invite you to a conference:

Democracy: Global Challenges and Opportunities

Friday, March 16, 2007, 9 am – 5 pm

**The Polish Institute
Male namesti 1, Prague 1, Auditorium,
1st floor, entrance from Karlova ulice 27**

The conference will be held in English.
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Conference language: English

PROGRAM

9.00 am – 9.10 am

Welcome speeches by **Jiri Pehe**, Director of New York University in Prague, and **Oldrich Cerny**, Director, Forum 2000 Foundation

Keynote Speech

9.10-9.30 am

Karel Schwarzenberg, Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs

First Panel

9.30 am – 12.30 Democracy, Media and Lobbyism

(Is political democracy as a “serious business” compatible with modern media, which increasingly determine the political agenda of each state? How influenced are democratic politicians by lobbying? Is the democratic process a hostage of money?)

Moderator: **Tomas Klvana**, New York University in Prague

Panelists:

Thomas Patterson, Harvard University, JFK School of Government

Allison Stanger, Rohatyn Institute for International Affairs, USA

Richard Yeoh, Transparency International, Malaysia

Farhad Kazemi, Politics Department, New York University

Josef Jarab, Palacky University, Olomouc, and former Chairman of the Media Committee of the Council of Europe

12.30 pm – 2.00 p.m. - Lunch

Second Panel

2.00 pm – 5.00 pm Democracy, Globalization, and Multiculturalism

(Is democracy as a concept born in the nation state applicable on a global level? Is democracy in nation states threatened by the process of globalization? Which are the options for global governance? Has the concept of multiculturalism, based on collective rights of minority groups eroded democracy? Can democracy, as a system invented in the West, survive if we accept that culture determines how “universal” values, such as human rights, are interpreted?)

Moderator: **Jiri Pehe**, New York University, Prague

Panelists:

Ted Magder, Department of Culture and Communication, New York University

Michael Gilligan, Politics Department, New York University

Jiri Priban, Cardiff Law School, University of Wales

Dusan Bjelic, University of Southern Maine